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Applicant: Stefan Braun & Hermann Mai  
Serial Number: 10/646,543  
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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR THE FORMATION OF  
GRADIENT LAYERS ON SUBSTRATES IN A VACUUM  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2006, please make the amendments shown in the attached papers in this application in the:

**Amendments to the Abstract.**

**Amendments to the Specification.**

**Amendments to the Claims.**

**Amendments to the Drawings.**

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